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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 09/747,010	:	DECISION ON RENEWED PETITION
Filed: December 26, 2000	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)
Attorney Docket Number: 2087	:	
Title: AUTOMATED METHOD FOR LOAN	:	
SETTLEMENT	:	

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed February 2, 2005, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)<sup>1</sup>, to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action, mailed August 24, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No response was received, and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) were requested. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on November 25, 2004. A notice of abandonment was mailed on March 11, 2005.

The original petition was submitted on November 28, 2005, and was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on January 20, 2006, for failure to submit the petition fee.

With this renewed petition, Petitioner has included the petition fee, an amendment, and the proper statement of unintentional delay.

<sup>1</sup> A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m);
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;
- (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

As such, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The Technology Center will be made aware of this decision.

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225. All other inquiries concerning examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.



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